

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2008 - NEWSLETTER

Firstly, a really big thank you and well done to all the P.T.A. Committee members and helpers from our school and the Infant School for organising such an outstanding Firework Night. It was an excellent evening in every respect; the rain stayed off until the end and the fireworks themselves were very impressive as were the Night Flight Helicopters. Profit is up on last year so once again, thank you and well done to all.

Children in Need – thank you to everyone who took part in this and to Carolyn Baker, our School Cook, for making all those Pudsey Bear biscuits. We raised the grand total of £265 for this worthy cause.

Christmas Fayre – will be held on 28th November between 5.30pm and 8.30pm. (Please note change of time since last newsletter). The PTA are working very hard to ensure that this year's Fayre is a success so please do come along to support this event.

Christmas Performance - we have already started rehearsals for this and allocating parts. Dress rehearsals and evening performances will take place between Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th December. Details to follow along with the usual ticket request letter.

Camel costume – does anyone please have a camel costume that Mrs Bateman could borrow for the Christmas Performance?

Car Parking – when you come to our Christmas Fayre and Performances, would you **please, please** leave the car at home if at all possible to avoid congestion in the Village Centre Car Park. In particular, please be mindful of the Village Hall car park as users of the Hall will need access to the parking

spaces immediately in front of it. On this note, again when parking to collect children from school at the end of the school day please leave the Village Hall spaces free if at all possible and do not double park as this prevents other cars from leaving or parking. Thank you!

Operation Christmas Child - thank you to all who have already sent in filled shoe boxes. Please note the deadline for receipt in school is **Friday 21st November**.

School Christmas Lunch – if your child regularly has a school lunch, then you should have received a form to fill in to indicate your child's choice of Christmas lunch on Tuesday 16th December. Please return this to school by 28th November. Children who normally have sandwiches are invited to bring a 'festive' packed lunch, including a paper hat!

Dinner money – the school office is using a new computerised system for dinner money accounting. As a result, we will no longer be sending home change via the pupil post; the amount sent in will be entered on the system and carried forward each week. This will reduce the likelihood of small change being lost in transit and save on administration time.

Dental Screening – Friday 28th November - Reminder to please return the permission form if your child has not already done so.

Science resources – Mrs Denison would be grateful to receive any empty glass jars and blindfolds for science.

Scottish Country Dance Club – does anyone have ballet shoes (to borrow or to give on a permanent basis) that could be used by those

performing at the Christmas Fayre? If so, please send in to school office.

Mrs Parker would like the children to stay until 5 pm on Monday 24th Nov to practise for their performance. A letter will follow.

The last session will be on 15th December.

Message from Mrs Ross, School Crossing Patrol – please will parents in cars **not** stop to allow children to cross the road without the crossing patrol. Mrs Ross has seen children walk halfway across the road and then realise a car is coming in the opposite direction.

School Website – Don't forget to keep looking at our school website at www.marchwood-jun.hants.sch.uk

Reminder re early closure on Fri 19th December – please don't forget that the school will be closing at 1.30 pm on the last day of term. As last year, children will need to be collected at that time in exactly the same way as they are collected at 3.30 pm on every other day. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre and/or the Christmas Performances.

Stephen Bassett
Headteacher

Evelyn Denison
Deputy Head



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Dates:

Friday 28 th November	PTA Christmas Fayre 5.30 – 8.30 pm
Tuesday 2 nd December	1.30 pm Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 3 rd December	1.30 pm Christmas performance Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 3 rd December	7 pm Christmas Performance – details to follow
Thursday 4 th December	7 pm Christmas Performance – details to follow
Wednesday 17 th December	Carol Service in Church – 6.00 pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas lunch / festive lunchboxes
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Term – early closure at 1.30 pm
Monday 5th Jan 2009	Children return to school
Wednesday 14 th January 09	Meeting for Parents of Yr 5 children who will be going to Little Canada – 6.30 pm
Friday 16th January 2009	INSET DAY

NB For parents wishing to book summer holidays, the last day of the summer term will be:
Wednesday 22nd July 2009

School term/holiday dates for current year and 2009-10: These can be found by looking at www.hants.gov.uk/education. If you would like a paper copy please ask at School Office.